



ACTS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT AMONG THE BANJARA



GBBM Monthly Newsletter (October 2023)

“But I say to you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you.”
Matthew 5:44

Dear Brethren in Christ, greetings from India!

October, November, and December are the most difficult months for Sujatha and me on a personal level. Our son Aaron’s birthday is October 5th, Joy’s birthday is November 2nd; Sharron’s birthday is November 13th, and December 23rd is the day they were called to be with The Lord. I don’t know why, but I have been sadder this year than at any other time since they went to be with the Lord. I humbly ask each of you to remember us in your prayers during this difficult season.



Government elections were completed in November for 5 states in India. President Modi’s Bharathiya Janatha Party (BJP) won the elections increasing our concern for the safety of churches in these states. In my state, Telangana, the Indian National Congress Party (NCP) won the election. The NCP (not as hostile to Christians) election provided some relief for the GBBM Church Planting Pastors, their families, and the Christians in this state. We are very thankful to God for this local state result but realize the Christian persecution in other states is ongoing and will likely continue to impact our home churches and members.

In the previous newsletter, I mentioned the increased hostility that our CPPs were facing when they went to visit the believers and home churches in over a couple of hundred established villages. In this newsletter, I thank God for the boldness of our church planters and evangelists who have not stopped doing what they are called for. During our monthly meeting, everyone decided to put all their efforts to reach the

maximum number of people in their villages despite the increased hostility. The CPPs and leaders decided to conduct as many Christmas Party Clubs and special Christmas services as possible as a loving response to the threats.

We praise the Lord for September's results. The GBBM team shared the Gospel with 7,128 people, hosted 1,661 children in programs, rejoiced as 226 people accepted Jesus, and 18 people were baptized.

Thank you for joining hands with us as we share the Good News with the lost Banjara people in the remote villages of India.

Pastor K S Naik

Church Planter's Activity Update

	Key Growth Areas - 2023	Oct.
01	Villages Served (Monthly)	319
02	New Villages Reached (Updated Quarterly)	-
03	People Hearing the Gospel (Total)	7,128
	a. People Hearing the Gospel (First Time)	4,332
	b. People Hearing the Gospel (2 or More Times)	2,796
	c. Number of Gospel Presentations	1,803
04	People Accepting Jesus Christ as Saviour	226
05	Active Bible Study Groups	37
06	Children Being Ministered To (Monthly)	1,661
07	House Churches	72
	a. House Churches (< 10 Baptized Believers)	11
	b. House Churches (> 10 Baptized Believers)	61
08	Believers Attending Worship (Weekly)	1,453
09	Offering Collection (in USD - Monthly)	\$735
10	Pastor Assistants/Leaders in Training	80
11	New House Churches (Updated Quarterly)	-
12	Baptisms	18

GBBM December Plans

During December, GBBM plans to fully utilize the Christmas season to spread the good news of the birth of Jesus Christ, the saviour of the world. For several years, GBBM has focused on sharing the Good News with children through Christmas Party Clubs; a Child Evangelism Fellowship of India program. We thank God for not giving



us a timid spirit, but a bold one. Despite all opposition, our CPPs are doing their best to share the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

PRAISE GOD for:

Healing and Saving Ganga and her husband Gopal: Ganga and Gopal are married and relocated to a new location for work. They were making their living selling tea. One day Ganga was working, became paralysed and was taken to a hospital. Doctors informed the family that she would not live more than three days. Among eight siblings, Ganga's youngest brother is the only believer in Jesus. Her brother informed GBBM Pastor Sionraj about her health and asked for prayers. After

three days in the hospital, Ganga was brought to her hometown where Pastor Sionraj and church members kept praying for her. After six months, she was able to move her legs and six months later she has started walking. During the past year, both Gopal and Ganga heard the Gospel and learned about Jesus. During this time, both have placed their faith in Jesus and are preparing to be baptised. We praise God for His healing power of Ganga and for softening their hearts to have faith in Jesus.



Vennela's Marriage: Vennela, a GBBM church member, is the first believer in her family. Vennela is a gentle, beautiful, and a sharp young lady but suffers with a speech impediment. Her mother, a widow, has attempted to arrange a marriage for her on several occasions, but Vennela wanted to marry a believer in Christ. Vennela,

her local church and the GBBM pastors have been praying that God would provide a Christian husband for her. God heard our prayers and provided a believer who was also the only Christian in his family to marry Vennela. Because Vennela's family is extremely poor, the local GBBM church paid the wedding dinner



expenses. The non-Christian relatives of both families were pleased to attend this Christian wedding ceremony and hear the word of God. God also blessed the food to feed the ~ three hundred attendees when food was prepared for only two hundred people. Neighbours and relatives were amazed when they discovered how God blessed Vennela despite her speech challenges. We pray that the Lord will continue to bless Vennela and Caleb, that He will be glorified through their married life and that those attending this wedding will open their eyes, ears, and hearts to Him.

PRAY to GOD For:



CPP Sakram Naik: We praise God for making GBBM CPP Sakram feel better. CPP Sakram is suffering from kidney failure, receiving dialysis, and taking the prescribed medication. It has been almost six months since we have seen a smile from Sakram or his wife Anasurya. We pray that God heals Sakram and comforts this family. They are blessed with two wonderful sons who attend ABS. Please keep this family in your prayers.

ALETHEIA BANJARA SCHOOL UPDATE

Praveen Naik Vadthya: The ABS family, teachers and students are incredibly sad after the loss of Praveen Naik Vadthya, an 8th Grade student due to bone cancer. Praveen was a happy, friendly, active, and smart boy. He had not shown any symptoms and passed a month after the diagnosis. Please pray for God to comfort Praveen's family and his friends at ABS.



Two ABS graduates, who are currently completing their college studies in the US, Manjula, and Vijay, recently visited Waco Fellowship Bible Church and shared their testimonies and the impact of ABS in their lives. We praise God for saving and using these students to share the Good News of our Savior Jesus Christ.



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Below: Lunch time at ABS.

